

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Rich Bottom Farm Inventory Number: HA-527

Address: _____ Historic district: yes ☒ X no

City: Havre de Grace Zip Code: _____ County: Harford

USGS Quadrangle(s): Havre de Grace

Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____

Project: MD 155 from I-95 to US 40 Agency: SHA

Agency Prepared By: Jean Erving

Preparer's Name: _____ Date Prepared: _____

Documentation is presented in: M. Inventory Form # HA-527 through HA-531 and Project Files

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Rich Bottom Farm, a modest farmstead composed of a house and collection of outbuildings does not meet the Criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. All of the farm structures and features have either totally disappeared or are in ruins, with the exception of the late 19th century frame dwelling which is open to the elements. It is not architecturally significant and lacks integrity.

Rich Bottom Farmhouse HA-527
Rich Bottom Farm Barn HA-528
Rich Bottom Farm Cornhouse HA-529
Rich Bottom Farm Abandoned House HA-530
Rich Bottom Farm Worm Fence HA-531

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒ X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: There is one NR-Eligibility Review Form for HA-527 through HA-531 which are all part of the Rich Bottom Farm

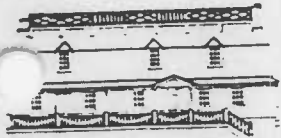
E. Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Friday, June 14, 1991
Date

R. Andrews
Reviewer, National Register Program

Friday, June 14, 1991
Date

MARYLAND HISTORICAL



TRUST

William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Jacqueline H. Rogers
Secretary, DHCD

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Rich Bottom Farm, Howard Grace Vic. Survey Number: HA 527-531

Project: MD 155 from I-95 to US 40 Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

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(Rich Bottom Farm Worm Fence -HA-531)
(Rich Bottom Farmhouse -HA-527)

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: M. Inventory Form # HA 527-531

and project files

Prepared by: Jean Ewing

Elizabeth Hannell

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/14/91
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

R. Ambrose 19 June 91
Reviewer, NR program Date

DS

Survey No. HA-527-531

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland	500 B.C.- A.D.900
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: _____

Historic Environment: _____

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): _____

Known Design Source: _____

Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Rich Bottom Farm house
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Spencer - Mc Connell - Mitchell Farm.

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters south of Level Road (Md 155)	
CITY OR TOWN: Havre de Grace about 0.5 mi east of Lapidum Road	
STATE Maryland	COUNTY: HARFORD

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rental housing Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: George C. Spencer Penzell	
STREET AND NUMBER: 704 Chesapeake Drive	
CITY OR TOWN: Havre de Grace	STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of the Circuit Court	
STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S Main St	
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air	STATE: Md 21014

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:	190.500
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house, clapboard under asphalt shingles.

L Shaped The main house faces south, the wing remaining north along the west wall.

2 stories, the main section ^{3 bays x 2} has attic windows in the gable ends of the slate roof, and one central chimney. The wing has been added to at the rear, its proportions are 2 bays x 3 (see sketch) the third window lighting an addition for which the west slope of the roof has been raised.

Windows Three on 2 on 2 except at the front of the house where they are 6 on 6, like eaves under the slate roof. A one-story porch flanks the south side and another the east ~~side~~ of the wing.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

possibly the wing is older

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐osophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

One of several farm buildings, this simple house has been owned by people who did their own farmwork with the help of tenant farmers. Labor costs prohibit their operation now (and the ^{only} tenant house the last of several is in impossible condition. See HA 530)

Once a busy farm with a cannery on the property, the land obviously waits for capital for development.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. Mc Connell, former owner, now renting
the property, whose family farmed here for 80 years.
1 December 1970, SE, D.C.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Sean S. Purip & Mary Carroll</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>Maryland Historical Trust</i>	DATE: <i>Dec 70</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Box 1704</i>		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	COOE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____